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Applicant : Cadir Batista Lee, et al.
Serial No. : 09/712,855
Filed : November 14, 2000
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Art Unit : 2152
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line number 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 Fig. 4 is a flowchart illustrating a process for comparing keys in Fig. 3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line number 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 Fig. 1 shows a computer system 100 with one or more vaults. The system 100 has one or more clients 102, each of which has a set of catalogs 104, as well as a client vault 106. The client vault 106 is a computer readable medium which stores one or more software components (entities) which are designated by the set of catalogs 104. In this case, the client vault 106 exists on a data storage device such as a hard drive on the computer system 100. Alternatively, the vault may reside on one or more data storage devices connected to a network 110, as discussed below. Each of the software components may be referenced by more than one application, and the software components are used to reconstruct the application.

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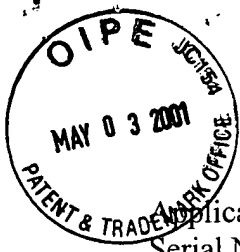
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A Preliminary Amendment relating to the above-referenced application is enclosed. The required excess claim fees are computed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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Respectfully submitted,

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